THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The reservation quota at Azamgarh has been reduced by 2 AC Sleeper and 11 second class berths due to poor utilisation.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Quotas are allotted keeping in view the overall availability of accommodation and the demand pattern at various stations. The quotas allotted in trains starting from Varanasi are being fully utilised leaving no scope for allotment of quota at Azamgarh railway station.

[English]

Railway Line from Meenambakkam to Avadi

1906. SHRI ANBARASU ERA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct a railway line from Meenambakkam via Porur, Villivakkam, Anna Nagar upto Avadi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Constraint of resources.

Harnessing of Non-Conventional Energy Sources in Garhwal, Uttar Pradesh

1907. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the non-conventioned energy sources development programmes undertaken in the Garhwal region of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years with particulars of places where such programmes have been undertaken or completed;

(b) the development programmes to be undertaken under the Central Energy Development during the next three years;

(c) the outlay earmarked therefor, district-wise and specific scheme/programme-wise; and

(d) the steps being contemplated to accelerate the development of non-conventional energy sources in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(b) and (c) The non-conventional energy development programmes to be undertaken by the Central and State Governments during the next three years and outlays therefor, will be known when the Eighth Plan has been finalised.

(d) The measures taken include the promotion of research and development, implementation of demonstration programmes relating to the use of new and renewable energy systems and devices, undertaking public awareness and user training programmes, extending subsidies and incentives, strengthening State agencies and voluntary organisations, providing financial assistance on soft terms, and training and development of manpower.

Setting up of Urjagrams in Pauri Garhwal, Uttar Pradesh

1908. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of 'Urjagrams' set up in Pauri Garhwal, Uttar Pradesh so far;